

# WITH POLICE RESPONDING TO 32,000 FALSE ALARMS, IT'S THE TAXPAYERS WHO ARE GETTING ROBBED.

Electronic alarm systems go off in Wichita at the rate of nearly 90 times a day. And 99% of the alarms are false. Those wild goose chases are expensive, wasting taxpayers money to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. But money isn't everything. Community safety is an even more important factor. Responding to false alarms could cost precious seconds in responding to some citizen in real trouble. And that would be a real tragedy. That's why a city ordinance requires alarm businesses to pay a \$10 registration fee and register those customers' alarm systems that are geared for police response by February 1st. That's also why the city imposes a response fee on alarm owners who have more than one false alarm in a calendar year. Registration won't make everybody happy. But most folks will consider it a small price to pay to keep from being robbed. For more information, visit our website at [www.wichita.gov](http://www.wichita.gov). And if you have any questions, please call 1-800-773-2673. We'll be glad to help.



**REGISTRATION:**  
ALARM BUSINESS PAYS \$10 PER ALARM OWNER  
**FINES:**  
ALARM BUSINESS PAYS \$150 IF DISPATCHED TO  
NON-REGISTERED ALARM OWNER  
**RESPONSE FEE:**  
ALARM OWNERS:  
FIRST FALSE ALARM OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR  
IS AT NO CHARGE  
ALARM OWNERS:  
\$28 FOR FALSE ALARMS  
RESIDENTIAL ALARM OWNERS:  
\$40 FOR DURESS OR HOLDUP FALSE ALARM  
NON-RESIDENTIAL ALARM OWNERS:  
\$60 FOR DURESS OR HOLDUP FALSE ALARM

